**Motion Classifications**

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| **Type:** | **Purpose:** | **Examples:** |
| Main Motion | Brings business before the body | Motion to consider a new law  Motion to adopt a resolution  Motion to amend the city code |
| Subsidiary Motion | Modifies or disposes of the main motion | Motion to “lay on the table”  Motion to amend the main motion  Motion to postpone (definitely or indefinitely)  Motion to limit or extend limits of debate |
| Privileged Motion | Deals with matters of immediate importance | Motion to adjourn  Motion to take a recess  Motion to rise to a question of privilege  Motion to call for the orders of the day |
| Incidental Motion | -Various- | Motion to suspend the rules  Motion to withdraw another motion  Motion to object to consideration  Motion to rise to a point of order  Motion to rise to parliamentary inquiry |

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|  | **May Interrupt a Speaker** | **Requires a Second** | **Debatable** | **Vote Required** |
| **Privileged Motions** |  |  |  |  |
| 1. To fix time to which to adjourn | No | Yes | Limited | Majority |
| 1. To adjourn (unqualified) | No | Yes | No | Majority |
| 1. To take a recess | No | Yes | Limited | Majority |
| 1. To rise to a question of privilege | Yes | No | No | Chairperson Rules |
| 1. To call for the orders of the day | Yes | No | No | None |
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| **Subsidiary Motions** |  |  |  |  |
| 1. To lay on the table | No | Yes | No | Majority |
| 1. To call for the previous question | No | Yes | No | 2/3 |
| 1. To limit or extend limits of debate | No | Yes | Limited | 2/3 |
| 1. To postpone definitely | No | Yes | Limited | Majority |
| 1. To refer to a committee | No | Yes | Limited | Majority |
| 1. To amend | No | Yes | Yes | Majority |
| 1. To postpone indefinitely | No | Yes | Yes | Majority |
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| **Main Motions** |  |  |  |  |
| 1. A. General main motions | No | Yes | Yes | Majority |
| B. Specific main motions |  |  |  |  |
| To take from the table | No | Yes | No | Majority |
| To reconsider | Yes | Yes | Yes | Majority |
| To reconsider and enter on the minutes | Yes | Yes | No | None until called for |
| To rescind | No | Yes | Yes | 2/3 |
| To expunge | No | Yes | Yes | 2/3 |
| To adopt a resolution | No | Yes | Yes | Majority |
| To adjourn (qualified) | No | Yes | Limited | Majority |
| To create orders of the day (special) | No | Yes | Yes | General: Majority; Special: 2/3 |
| To amend (constitution, etc.) | No | Yes | Yes | 2/3 |
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| **Incidental Motions** |  |  |  |  |
| To suspend rules | No | Yes | No | 2/3 |
| To withdraw a motion | No | No | No | Majority |
| To read papers | No | Yes | No | Majority |
| To object to consideration | Yes | No | No | 2/3 |
| To rise to a point of order | Yes | No | No | Chairperson Rules or Majority |
| To rise to parliamentary inquiry | Yes | No | No | None |